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Adoption of the agenda

United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Link: Website

Contact: SCAD SCSB (S-2472); dpa-scsb3@un.org and 212-963-5258

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia - Item 158

Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali - Item 159

Documents: A/72/640, A/72/640/Corr.1, A/72/839, A/72/663, A/72/746 and A/72/789/Add.14

Links: Website and e-deleGATE Portal

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Working Group V (Insolvency Law)

Fifty-third session

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

International Law Commission

Seventieth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 3398th meeting — Conference Room 11

Visit of the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

Identification of customary international law

Documents: A/CN.4/710, A/CN.4/716 and A/CN.4/717

15:00 to 18:00 — Drafting Committee (closed) — Conference Room 11

Subsequent Agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties

Link: Website

Contact: Secretariat of the International Law Commission (ILC) (6thcommittee@un.org; 212-963-5331)

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

United Nations Forum on Forests

Thirteenth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 6th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the United Nations Forum on Forests

Monitoring assessment and reporting

Progress on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 including the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions

Progress on the development of global forest indicators

General discussion

Introduction of the reports

Panel discussion

Documents: E/CN.18/2018/1 and E/CN.18/2018/4

15:00 to 18:00 — 7th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Means of implementation

Progress on the activities and operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

Guidelines for the operation of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network

Introduction of the reports

General discussion

For documentation and further information on the session, including the list of side events, please visit the Forum website.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers for the discussions.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *five minutes* (*seven minutes* for group statements).

Information on registration of participants is available from the Forum website.

For inclusion in the list of participants, delegations are requested to submit the composition of their delegations through the e-List of Participants in e-deleGATE.

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For additional information, please contact the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Immediately following the conclusion of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, the first meeting of its fourteenth session will be convened for the sole purpose of electing its officers.

Documents: E/CN.18/2018/1 and E/CN.18/2018/5

Links: Website, more info, side events and PaperSmart

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Thursday, 10 May 2018

10:00 — 88th plenary meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic social and related fields - Item 14

Document: A/72/L.51 (to be issued)

Intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process to adopt a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Monday, 14 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

On the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Member States, observers, United Nations entities and stakeholders accredited to the preparatory process are invited to attend.

The Co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration will hold an informal dialogue with stakeholders on Tuesday, 15 May 2018, from 09:00 to 10:00.

Link: Website

Tuesday, 15 to Friday, 18 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

On the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Member States, observers, United Nations entities and stakeholders accredited to the preparatory process are invited to attend.

Link: Website

Fifth Committee

Thursday, 10 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Links: Website and e-deleGATE Portal

Committee on Information
Fortieth session

Friday, 11 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Conference Room 1

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session

Additional information is available on the website of the Committee on Information.

Document: A/AC.198/2018/1

Link: Website

Contacts: Committee on Information (committeeoninformation@un.org, 212-963-4629); or Mr. Orrin Summerell (summerell@un.org; 212-963-8293)

Steering Committee on partnerships for small island developing States

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Expert-level meeting Conference Room 6

Information on the SIDS Partnership Framework and on registered partnerships is available online

Links:

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/partnerships/sidspartnershipframework

http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships

State Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/72 of 5 December 2018, round 13 of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held on Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 May 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Pursuant to paragraph 56 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

Pursuant to paragraph 55 of resolution A/RES/72/72, round 13 of informal consultations will focus on the topic "Science-policy interface".

More information is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in this event, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, by Friday, 11 May 2018.

Link: Website

Contact: DOALOS (doalos@un.org; 917-367-0560)

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-eighth session

Monday, 4 June 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

The seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Contributions will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2018.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests.

Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2018*.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245.

Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the secretariat of the Committee for further information (405 East 42nd Street, S-2115; tel. 212-963-4975; fax 212-963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Friday, 11 May 2018

12:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room E

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance - Item 9

On the draft resolution of the humanitarian affairs segment (under agenda item 9) of the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council, convened by the co-facilitators (Switzerland and Zambia) on behalf of the Vice-Presidency of the Council (South Africa)

Friday, 11 May 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance - Item 9

On the draft resolution of the humanitarian affairs segment (under agenda item 9) of the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council, convened by the co-facilitators (Switzerland and Zambia) on behalf of the Vice-Presidency of the Council (South Africa)

Friday, 18 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

International cooperation in tax matters - Item 18 (h)

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

The special meeting will comprise interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after

delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 25 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal and Website

Contacts: ECOSOC Affairs Branch (DGACM) – Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org)

Monday, 21 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Plenary meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Development Cooperation Forum - Item 5 (c)

Development Cooperation Forum

Additional information is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website and More Info

Contacts: ECOSOC Affairs Branch, DGACM – Ms. Terri Olvida (olvida@un.org); and Department of Economic and Social Affairs – Ms. Caroline Lombardo (lombardoc@un.org)

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Resumed session (21-30 May 2018)

Monday, 21 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 17th plenary meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the secretariat of the Committee.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Document: E/C.2/2018/1

Link: Website

Contacts: Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary (lomaia@un.org); Mr. Henry Breed, Deputy Secretary (breed@un.org); Ms. Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org); Mr. Victor Leu (List of Participants) (leu@un.org)

United Nations Population Fund

Friday, 11 May 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B

On the Annual Report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services and Ethics Office, and their management responses

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/ United Nations Office for Project Services

Monday, 21 May 2018

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 6

Pre-session informal consultation on the Annual Session 2018

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 7 May 2018

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

International Law Commission
Seventieth session

3396th meeting *Subsequent Agreement and Subsequent Practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties*

The Special Rapporteur summarized the debate on his fifth report (A/CN.4/715). The Commission decided to refer draft conclusions 1 [1a] to 13 [12] to the Drafting Committee.

Identification of customary international law

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Michael Wood, introduced his fifth report on "Identification of customary international law" (A/CN.4/717). The Secretariat introduced its Memorandum on the "Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available" (A/CN.4/710). The Commission began its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's report on the topic.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

United Nations Forum on Forests

Thirteenth session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

Opening of the session

The Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, His Excellency Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob (Malaysia), opened the meeting.

Election of officers - Item 1

The Forum began its consideration of the item.

The Chair recalled that the Forum had elected, by acclamation, its Chair and four Vice-Chairs at the first meeting of its thirteenth session, on 5 May 2017.

The Chair further recalled that His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya) resigned as Vice-Chair of the thirteenth session. Subsequently, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Her Excellency Koki Muli Grignon (Kenya) to complete his term of office.

Appointment of Rapporteur

The Forum appointed Ms. Luciana Melchert Saguas Presas (Brazil) to serve concurrently as Rapporteur of the thirteenth session.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters - Item 2

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and El Salvador.

Clarifications were provided by the Secretary and the Chair of the Forum.

The Forum adopted the provisional agenda for the session contained in document E/CN.18/2018/1 with the addition of a new agenda item proposed by Switzerland, entitled "Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the United Nations Forum on Forests".

The Forum approved its provisional organization of work, circulated in an informal paper, with the understanding that it may be further adjusted.

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 - Item 3

(a) Policy dialogue on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017–2018, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests

(b) Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions

(c) United Nations system-wide contributions to the implementation of the global forest goals and targets, and

(d) Development of the communication and outreach strategy for the strategic plan

The Forum began its consideration of the item as a whole.

Statements were made by the Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, His Excellency Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob (Malaysia); the President of the Economic and Social Council, Her Excellency Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic); the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu

Zhenmin, and the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Mr. Manoel Sobral Filho.

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 - Item 3

Progress in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 - Item 9

The representative of the Forum Secretariat introduced the note by the Secretariat under item 3 (E/CN.18/2018/2) and the report of the Secretary-General under item 9 (E/CN.18/2018/6).

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030: Voluntary announcement of voluntary national contributions - Item 3 (b)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Jamaica, Ecuador, New Zealand, Morocco, Malaysia, Ghana, Colombia, Slovakia, Madagascar, Indonesia, Nepal, Costa Rica, Peru, the Philippines, Paraguay, India, Turkey and Mexico.

General statements

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), as well as by the observer for the European Union.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Secretary.

A statement was made by the Chair of the Forum (Malaysia).

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organization matters - Item 2

The Forum decided to consider the new item "Information on the reform of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs pertaining to the United Nations Forum on Forest", on its agenda, which had been proposed by Switzerland in accordance with Rule 8 of its Rules of procedure, at 10:00, on 9 May 2018.

Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030: Policy dialogue on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017–2018, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests - Item 3 (a)

The Forum continued its consideration of the agenda item.

The Chair of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne Nason (Ireland), made a statement.

Ministerial roundtables on "Forest-based solution for accelerating achievement of the sustainable development goals"

First ministerial roundtable

The ministerial roundtable was chaired and moderated by His Excellency Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob, Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Malaysia).

A keynote address was made by Ms. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility.

Presentations were made by His Excellency Nicolau Dos Santos, Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Livestock of Guinea Bissau; His Excellency Peng Youdong,

Vice-Minister of the State Forestry Administration of China; and Her Excellency Maria Patek, Vice-Minister for Water and Forestry of Austria.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Bulgaria, the Congo, Slovakia, Romania, Pakistan, Kenya, and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Second ministerial roundtable

The ministerial roundtable was moderated by Ms. Beth MacNeil, Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources of Canada.

Presentations were made by His Excellency John Peter Amewu, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana; His Excellency Patrik Mlynar, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic; and His Excellency Ezechiel Joseph, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Co-operatives of Saint Lucia.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Madagascar, Thailand, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Australia, Finland, Ecuador, the United Republic of Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Lithuania, Turkey, Poland, Malaysia, Viet Nam and Argentina.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Children and Youth major group.

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8247th meeting

Threats to international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/9).

8248th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 2 May 2018 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2018/416)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Her Excellency Joanne Adamson, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Inzko.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Peru, Kazakhstan, the United States, Ethiopia, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, the United Kingdom, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Kuwait, Sweden, China and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Poland.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council heard a statement by Ms. Adamson (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania, and Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Croatia and Serbia.

8249th meeting — *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of South Sudan to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following individuals to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; His Excellency Ismail Wais, Intergovernmental Authority on Development Special Envoy for South Sudan; and Ms. Jackline Nasiwa, Centre for Inclusive Governance, Peace and Justice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Lacroix, His Excellency Ismail Wais (via video-teleconference from Addis Ababa) and Ms. Nasiwa (via video-teleconference from Juba).

The Council heard a statement by Her Excellency Joanna Wronecka in her capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Equatorial Guinea.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of South Sudan.

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee

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36th meeting — *Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo* - Item 154

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo - Item 157

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia - Item 158

Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali - Item 159

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara – Item 162

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) – Item 164

The Committee began its consideration of those agenda items.

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced in one statement, the reports of the Secretary-General (A/72/638, A/72/638/Corr.1, A/72/784, A/72/784/Add.1, A/72/778, A/72/622, A/72/718, A/72/640, A/72/640/Corr.1, A/72/663, A/72/746, A/72/623, A/72/731, A/72/650 and A/72/763).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/72/844, A/72/789/Add.11, A/72/789/Add.4, A/72/839, A/72/789/Add.14, A/72/789/Add.1/Rev.1 and A/72/789/Add.6).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, Liberia and Serbia.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of those agenda items.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated as follows: item 154: Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, by Mr. Stefan Pretterhofer (Austria); item 157: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, by Mr. Hicham Oussihamou (Morocco); item 158: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia, by Ms. Leyla Vasquez (Chile); item 159: Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, by Ms. Anda Grinberga (Latvia); item 162: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, by Mr. Feliksas Bakanauskas (Lithuania); and item 164: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009), by Ms. Delphine Delieux (Belgium).

Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 - Item 136

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

> *Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council*
> *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan*

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (A/72/371/Add.9).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/72/7/Add.47).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion on that question at that stage.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question just introduced would be held on Thursday, 10 May, in the afternoon and would be coordinated by Ms. Alexandra Hardie (New Zealand).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Tuesday, 8 May, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on agenda item 149: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations, in particular the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda.

International Law Commission
Seventieth session

3397th meeting *Identification of customary international law*

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's fifth report on the topic (A/CN.4/717).

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

United Nations Forum on Forests
Thirteenth session

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4th meeting *Implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030: Policy dialogue on the thematic and operational priorities, priority actions and resource needs for the period 2017–2018, taking into account the review cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development during the biennium and the theme of the International Day of Forests* - Item 3 (a)

Panel discussions on "the contribution of forests to the achievement of the sustainable development goals and transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"

First panel discussion

The panel discussion was chaired and moderated by Mr. Tomas Krejzar (Czech Republic), Vice-Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Presentations were made by Mr. Hiroto Mitsugi, Chair of the Collaborative Partnership Forum; Mr. Meine van Noordwijk, Co-Chair of the Global Forest Expert Panel assessment on forests and water of the International Union of Forest Research Organization; Distinguished Science Fellow of the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Kenya; and Professor of Agroforestry at the Wageningen University in the Netherlands; Mr. David Ellison, Expert at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and at the European Forest Institute in Finland; and Mr. Michael Jenkins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Forest Trends in the United States.

A statement was also made by the lead discussant: Mr. David Ganz, Executive Director of The Center for People and Forests.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the Congo, Costa Rica, India, the State of Palestine, Pakistan, Finland, Malaysia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Switzerland and Mexico.

A statement was also made by the observer of the European Union.

Second panel discussion

The panel discussion was chaired and moderated by Mr. Tomas Krejzar (Czech Republic), Vice-Chair of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Presentations were made by Mr. Jitendra Vir Sharma, Director of Forestry and Biodiversity Division at the Energy and Resources Institute in India; Mr. Gary Bull, Professor and Head of the Department of Forest Resources Management at the University of British Columbia in Canada; and Mr. Duncan Brack, Associate Fellow at Chatham House, and Associate at Green Alliance in the United Kingdom.

A statement was also made by the lead discussant, Mr. David Ganz, Executive Director from the Center for People and Forests.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Australia, Ghana, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, the Congo, Canada, the United States and India.

A statement was made by the observer of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major groups: Farmers and Small Forest Landowners; Children and Youth; and the Scientific and Technological Community.

5th meeting — The summary of the 5th meeting of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/91).

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Informal meetings

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Informal consultations on the resolution entitled "International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Algeria, Guatemala, Madagascar and the Philippines)

15:00 to 18:00 — Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

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Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, National Parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 126) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Thursday, 10 May 2018

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room E

Forthcoming other meetings

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Informal exchange on fourth round of formal consultations on the Global Compact on Refugees (A/RES/71/1) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))

Friday, 11 May 2018

10:00 to 13:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Contacts: Mr. Davide Torzilli or Mr. Aidan Nguyen (torzilli@unhcr.org or nguyena@unhcr.org)

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 11 May 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Panel discussion entitled "Families and inclusive societies" (in observance of the International Day of Families (A/RES/47/237) (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

Contact: Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (kaczmarska@un.org; tel. 212-963-4596)

Informal briefing on the preparation of the eleventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (co-organized by the Bureau (Bulgaria) (President), Ecuador, Germany, Sri Lanka and Tunisia (Vice-Presidents)), in collaboration with the Secretariat (Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Office of Legal Affairs)

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 9

Contact: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (zhangg@un.org; 212-963-4755); or Ms. Asya Tsvetanova (asya.tsvetanova@mfa.bg)

Presentation and panel discussion entitled "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Families. Results of the Global Research Project" (in observance of the International Day of Families) (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with UNICEF, International Federation for Family Development and SOS Children's Villages)

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

Contact: Ms. Renata Kaczmarska (kaczmarska@un.org; tel. 212-963-4596)

Informal briefing to civil society organizations on the preparation of the eleventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (co-organized by the Bureau (Bulgaria) (President), Ecuador, Germany, Sri Lanka and Tunisia (Vice-Presidents)), in collaboration with the Secretariat (Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Office of Legal Affairs)

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